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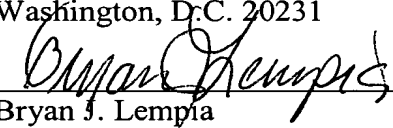
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This paper is submitted as a supplement to the Response and the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) that were filed on October 11, 2002. As a result of the prior RCE filing, the applicants believe that no fee is due at this time for submitting this paper.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add new claim 6 as follows:

u2 see p3, L22

--6. An apparatus for applying drinking straws to receiving surfaces of stand up bags, the stand up bags having a bottom surface, a top end formed by a sealing line closing a filling opening, and at least two opposite non-planar side surfaces interconnecting the bottom surface and the top end and forming an angle of less than 45°, the apparatus comprising:

a conveyor surface for conveying the stand up bags; and

a transfer means constructed and arranged for transferring the drinking straws onto the stand up bags,

wherein each of the stand up bags is conveyed having one of the opposite non-planar side surfaces resting on the conveyor surface, and wherein a drinking straw is applied to the other of the opposite non-planar side surfaces of each of the stand up bags.--